

## **MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY RECIPROCITY INSTRUCTIONS**

Dear Pharmacist:

Thank you for your interest in becoming licensed to practice pharmacy in Maryland. As you may know, many Maryland pharmacies and businesses offer attractive employment incentives to attract the country's brightest and best pharmacists to Maryland. The state itself offers several enticements for pharmacists who relocate to Maryland and raise families. For example, Maryland is home to some of the best schools, colleges and health care facilities in the nation and boasts a vast assortment of social activities, unique attractions, and historical landmarks from mountains, to the Chesapeake Bay, to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy continually seeks methods to make the process of transferring pharmacists' credential to a Maryland license as uncomplicated as possible. Eligible pharmacists are only required to meet a few legal requirements before practicing in Maryland in as few as six weeks!

The following information outlines the procedure for reciprocating to Maryland from other states. To assist in your preparation for the law examination, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy will provide a copy of its MARYLAND PHARMACY LAWS AND REGULATIONS book upon receipt of your reciprocity application. Please feel free to contact the Maryland Board by e-mail [http://www.mdbop@dhhmh.state.md.us/](mailto:http://www.mdbop@dhhmh.state.md.us/) or phone (410 764-4755) or check out our website [www.mdbop.org](http://www.mdbop.org) for further information.

Thanks again for considering Maryland to continue you pharmacy career.

Sincerely,

Shirley A. Costley  
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Maryland Board of Pharmacy

## LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY – Requirements

### ELIGIBILITY:

To qualify for licensure by reciprocity, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- ☐ **18 years old or older**
- ☐ **Of good moral character**
- ☐ **Licensed or registered to practice pharmacy in another state after passing a board approved examination –**
- ☐ **520 hours of Pharmacy Practice** – Completion of at least 520 hours of pharmacy practice after graduation as a pharmacist from a school or college of pharmacy that is either approved by the Board or accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education
- ☐ **Passing Score of 75 or better on Maryland-specific Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)**
- ☐ **Pass the Test of Oral English Competency (non-foreign graduate pharmacists only)** – This provision may be waived if the applicant submits written documentation that he/she has passed an equivalent Oral English competency exam as required by another state's licensing procedure. The applicant should contact the Board for further information if unable to pass the Oral English Competency because of a speech impediment.

In addition to the above, foreign graduate pharmacists must also meet the below criteria:

- ☐ **Provide the original FPGEC certification to verify passing the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalence Examination (FPGEE)** – Administered by NABP

# LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY – Application Procedures

## Procedures

1. Contact the Maryland Board of Pharmacy to obtain the Reciprocity Application Packet containing the following:

- Maryland Board of Pharmacy (MBOP) application
- Oral English Competency Exam information
- National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Preliminary application
- NABP Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) application (NABP applications can also be obtained from NABP directly.)

2. Submit the completed applications and required attachments to the addressees listed below:

**MD Board of Pharmacy, Licensing Unit**  
**4201 Patterson Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**Baltimore, MD 21215**

- o MD Board of Pharmacy application
- o \$120.00 application fee

**Test of Oral English Competency/Berlitz**

- o \$35.00 Test of Oral English Competency

**National Association of Boards of Pharmacy**  
**PO Box 1057**  
**Mount Prospect, IL 60056**

- o Preliminary application and \$300.00 fee
- o MPJE application and \$170.00 fee
- o recent 3” x3” unmounted photograph
- o Signed statement affirming photograph to be that of the applicant
- o Signed statement affirming photograph to be that of the applicant

3. The Applicant may expect to receive the following from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy within a week of receipt of application and fees:

- Notification to take the Oral English Competency Examination
- Candidate identification number, to retrieve MPJE and other test scores (if applicable) from the board’s web site
- *Maryland Pharmacy Laws and Regulations* (Book)
- Request for additional information (if applicable)

4. The Applicant may take the Oral English Competency examination anytime following receipt of notification from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy.

5. The Applicant may expect to receive the following from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) within three (3) weeks of receipt of application and fees:

- Four-page, processed application
- ATT authorization number (Approval to take the MPJE exam)

6. The Applicant must forward the processed application received from NABP to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy
7. The Applicant is to schedule an appointment to take the MPJE examination directly with the testing vendor.
8. Examination results will be posted on the Board web site as they are received ([www.mdbop.org](http://www.mdbop.org)).
9. Once the examination score has been received and all other requirements have been met, the applicant will be notified in writing of his or her score, provided a license number, and provided with information regarding receiving a Wall Certificate.
10. Receiving of actual pharmacist license.

## TEST OF ORAL ENGLISH COMPETENCY

Non-foreign applicants must pass an examination of Oral English competency. This examination is designed to demonstrate that an applicant speaks proficient English that can be easily understood by the average pharmacy customer.

In order to meet the English competency requirement, an applicant may first take a pre-screening English competency examination. If the applicant passes the pre-screening examination, the applicant meets the English competency requirement without further testing. If the applicant fails the pre-screening examination, the applicant must take and pass a more comprehensive test of Oral English competency. The pre-screening test and the comprehensive test of Oral English competency will be given by Board approved vendors. A list of such vendors is below.

If an applicant believes that he/she will be unable to pass either the pre-screening or more comprehensive test of Oral English competency, or if the applicant has failed the comprehensive test of Oral English competency, because of a speech impairment, the applicant may submit evidence of such an impairment to the Board. To do so, the applicant must submit documentation of the impairment on a form provided by the Board. The form must be completed by a Board approved licensed physician and a Board approved licensed speech-language pathologist, and returned to the Board. This must be done either with the initial application or **before** the applicants' second attempt at passing the comprehensive test.

If an applicant fails the comprehensive test more than one time, the applicant may not submit documentation of a speech impairment unless an intervening surgical/medical event has caused the impairment and the documentation is submitted before a third attempt.

In order to take either the pre-screening test or the comprehensive test of Oral English competency, the applicant must contact a Board approved vendor (below).

### **Maryland**

The Berlitz Language Center  
1413 Annapolis Road  
Odenton, MD 21113  
Phone: 410-672-3410

Berlitz Language Center  
1407 York Road, Ste. 312  
Lutherville, MD 21093  
Phone: 410-296-8365

Berlitz Language Center  
11300 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Phone: 301-770-7550

### **(Nationwide Locations)**

#### **Arizona:**

Phoenix (602) 468-9494

#### **California:**

Beverly Hills (310) 276-1101  
Campbell (408) 377-9513  
Costa Mesa (714) 557-3535  
Orange (714) 935-0828  
Pasadena (626) 795-5888  
San Diego (619) 235-8344  
San Francisco (310) 458-0330

#### **Massachusetts:**

Boston (617) 266-6858  
Wellesley Hills (781) 237-2220

#### **Michigan:**

Bingham Farms (248) 642-9335

#### **Minnesota:**

Minneapolis (952) 920-4100

#### **Missouri:**

#### **South Carolina:**

Charleston  
(843) 849-8077

#### **Tennessee:**

Memphis  
(901) 683-7371

#### **Texas:**

Austin  
(512) 343- 0087

Torrance (310) 328-7722  
Walnut Creek (925) 935-1386  
Woodland Hills (818) 999-1870

**Colorado:**

Denver (303) 399-8686

**Connecticut:**

Stamford (203) 324-9551  
West Hartford (860) 231-7310  
Westport (203) 226-4223

**Florida:**

Boca Raton (561) 391-7779  
Coral Gables (305) 444-7665  
Orlando (407) 248-8222

**Georgia:**

Atlanta (404) 261-5062

**Idaho:**

Boise (208) 333-7742

**Illinois:**

Chicago (312) 782-6820  
Northbrook (847) 509-0338  
Oak Brook (630) 954-3822  
Schaumburg (847) 397-9422

**Indiana:**

Indianapolis (317) 844-4303

St. Louis (314) 721-107

**New Jersey:**

Princeton (609) 514-3400  
Ridgewood (201) 444-6400  
Summit (908) 277-0300

**New York:**

Garden City (516) 741-9220  
New York City Rockefeller Ctr.  
(212) 766-2388  
Wall Street (212) 766-2388  
White Plains (914) 946-8389  
Rochester (716) 232-6424

**North Carolina:**

Charlotte (704) 554-8169  
Raleigh (919) 848-1888

**Ohio:**

Akron (330) 762-0991  
Cincinnati (513) 381-4650  
Cleveland (216) 861-0950

**Oregon:**

Portland (503) 274-0830

**Pennsylvania:**

Philadelphia (215) 735-8500  
Pittsburgh (412) 494-9122  
Wayne (610) 964-8404

Dallas  
(972) 380-0404  
Houston  
(713) 626-7844  
San Antonio  
(210) 681-7050

**Virginia:**

Tyson Corner  
(703) 883-0626

**Washing. DC:**

(202) 331-1160

**Washington:**

Bellevue  
(425) 451-0162

**Wisconsin:**

Milwaukee  
(414) 454-2744

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- A Social Security number is required for identification purposes which may be released to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to check for criminal convictions
- The Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) is administered by NABP. Since several questions on the MPJE are Maryland-specific, it must be taken even if you have previously taken it for licensure in another state. The exam is given throughout the year at nationally located Sylvan testing center
- Applicants for licensure by reciprocity are warned not to work as a pharmacist or work as a pharmacist until such time as they receive a certificate of licensure from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy. Persons who purchase a pharmacy or an interest in a pharmacy and intend to work at the pharmacy prior to becoming a Maryland licensed pharmacist, do so entirely at their own risk. The Board will not consider business interests when evaluating eligibility to be licensed as a pharmacist in Maryland.
- The Maryland Board of Pharmacy, in accordance with Health Occupations Article, Title 12, Section 305, Annotated Code of Maryland, reserves the right to waive requirements and accept or reject any application.